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1. Lt. General Rade Hamovic, Commanding General of the Third Yugoslav Military District, gathered senior Communist Party officials of his district in a secret meeting in Skoplje subsequent to the announcement that top Soviet leaders were planning to come to Yugoslavia. At the meeting he asserted that Communism was mortally threatened by rearmament. Consequently Yugoslavia should review her international relations and bonds of friendship with the USSR under an altogether new aspect, which nevertheless should not make her lose her independence. He expressed himself against the Americans and said that the aid granted was accompanied by the unacceptable demand that Yugoslavia become a member of NATO.
2. General Hamovic gave orders that a "Communist conscience" should be developed in the Army and that friendly sentiments toward the USSR be promoted. He stated that these recent developments would not affect the Balkan Pact, which safeguards the southern frontiers of Yugoslavia and helps it in strengthening its position as an international power.
3. When General Milosevski, Commanding General, 42/48th Assault Division, Skoplje, asked whether Soviet policy in connection with the Macedonian question will continue to be the same as before 1948, Hamovic answered that this question was not to be discussed at present.

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